

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 688–695, S. Res. 93–94. **Page S3147**

Measures Reported:

Received on Wednesday, March 30, during the adjournment:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate during the 108th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 109–48)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities during the 108th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 109–49)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate during the One Hundred Eighth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 109–50)

S. 52, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah. (S. Rept. No. 109–43)

S. 54, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–44)

S. 56, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 109–45)

S. 101, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation. (S. Rept. No. 109–46)

S. 128, to designate certain public land in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, and Napa Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river. (S. Rept. No. 109–47)

Report to accompany S. 667, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for

temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care. (S. Rept. No. 109–51)

Measures Passed:

Concurrent Budget Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 18, Senate companion measure, as amended.

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Domenici, Grassley, Allard, Conrad, Sarbanes, and Murray.

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Death of Senator Howell T. Heflin: Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, relative to the death of Howell T. Heflin, former United States Senator from the State of Alabama.

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Death of Pope—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:45 p.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, Senate vote on a resolution relating to the death of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

Ellen G. Engleman Connors, of Indiana, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Sean Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Michael Dolan, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2009.

Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2009.

Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Rachel Brand, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

40 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

95 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

42 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which was sent to the Senate on March 15, 2005.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Howell Heflin, former United States Senator from the State of Alabama, in accordance with S. Res. 93, adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3158.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine strategic forces and nuclear weapons issues in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; and Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 23, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D149)

S. 686, to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo. Signed on March 21, 2005. (Public Law 109–3)

H.R. 1160, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005. Signed on March 25, 2005. (Public Law 109–4)

S. 384, to extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records